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We also wish to thank the National Industrial Credit Bank (NIC) for their donation towards the Nature Shop

IN HOUSE

Construction and Renovations at National Museum, Nairobi

Museum CLOSED for 18 months

• Nature Kenya offices will be relocated to other premises.

• The location of the car park where our outing and trips meet before departure is also likely to change.

Information about the new location of the office and library and other updates on Museum developments will be in the newsletter as available.

BirdLife world bird festival

The BirdLife Partnership celebrates birdwatching in October with the World Birdwatch weekend and ather festive activities.

In Kenya the next World Birdwatch will be held in 2006. However, da send your bird records far your birding in October or enter them at www.worldbirds.org/kenya

Nature Fair/ World Birdwatch volunteer coordinator needed
please email office@naturekenya.org

IN THE FIELD

Eco-fun day

Nairobi Arboretum
Sat 6 August 05
from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Activities include tree planting, clean up and interactive games

To participate register with Ksh 100/- at the Nature Kenya front office by 3 August 05. Snacks will be provided.

Succulenta

Day trip to Ilbisil

Sun 28 August 05

Meet in Langata at 8.30 a.m. for a 9 a.m. start. For directions, lifts and food, please check with Sue Allan (890375) or Julia Glen (891065). Bring your picnic lunch, drinks, hats, and walking shoes.

Lake Naivasha

Sat 27 - Sun 28 August 05

Sat 27 - Meet at the Museum car park at 2:15 p.m. for a departure at 2:30 p.m. for overnight camping at Fisherman's Camp site.

You can bring your own meals ar purchase all meals fram Fisherman's Camp restaurant.

Sat 28 - 6:00 a.m. wake up call for boat ride; an return breakfast and break camp before drive to Crater Lake for walk round the crater's rim. Plan to purchase lunch from Fisherman's or in town before return drive ta Nairabi.

Transport is by car pool and we welcome and appreciate your offer of rides ta the carpool

Cost 950/- per person - this includes the Fisherman's camp fee and boat ride and Crater Lake's Sanctuary entry and parking fee. NO MEALS or equipment are included. Minimum of 7 persons required
Book with the Nature Kenya office by **23 August 05**

AUGUST AT A GLIMPSE

Sat 6 ASF Birdwalks & NRF walk
Sat 6 Youth eca fun day
Sat 13 Tree Walk
Sun 21 Sunday Birdwalk
Sun 28 Succulenta day to Iibisil
Sat 27- Sun 28 Field trip ta L. Naivasha
Man 29 Tree Walk
Birdwalks every Wednesday Morning
Bird ringing every Thursday Morning

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action
(you need to take!)

THE FORESTS BILL 2005 AND WHY IT'S WORTH THE PAPER IT'S PRINTED ON.

The Forest Bill 2005 was presented to Parliament on Tuesday 19 July 05 and is under discussion.

This Bill proposes a Kenya Forest Service to reploce the current Deportment. There would be a Director of Forests, a governing Board, and Forest Conservation Committees in different parts of the country. The Bill reflects current monagement priorites, and includes opportunities for participation in forest management by communities, the private sector, and other government and non-government bodies.

So What Can You Do?

You can write to your MP and tell him or her that you support the Forests Bill 2005 and you would like them to support the Bill for you and your family.

To make this simple for you the National Allionce for the Forest Bill ond the Kenyo Forests Working Group (which includes Nature Kenya) have orgonised the coupon thot is photocopied and enclosed with this newsletter. It appeared in the Daily Nation, Thursday 14 July, 05. Please fill in the coupon ond send it to them. KFWG will make sure it gets to your MP.

CLEARING ACCESS ROADS AT ARABUKO SOKOKE FOREST

After planting tussock grass at the Nature Kenya Kinangop Reserve, Youth group members proceeded to Arabuko Sokoke Forest at the coast to cleor forest access roods. This activity involved slashing plants that were either growing on or hanging over the roads.

Arabuko Sokoke Forest is the largest remaining fragment of the forests that once covered much of the East African coast. It is rich with rore and endemic wildlife. These coupled with its trees and plants make the forest an excellent tourist option.

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Black Heran *Jama Kenyatta Public Beach, Mambasa / June* Charlatte, Emily and Karim
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TRAINING

Bat Conservation International
Student Scholarship Programme

Bat Conservation International (BCI) announces availability of student research scholarships. 10-15 grants ranging from $500 to $2,500 will be made in 2006.

Grants will be awarded to research that is directly related to bat conservation and that documents roosting and feeding habitat requirements of bats, their ecological and economic roles, or their conservation needs.

Students enrolled in colleges or universities worldwide are eligible to apply. PROJECTS MUST BE RELEVANT TO BAT CONSERVATION!

Application deadline for 2006 scholarships is **15 December 2005**.
Information and forms are available at www.batcon.org/schol/schol.html
For questions, please contact Andy Moore, Scholarship Coordinator, Bat Conservation International at <amoore@batcon.org>

MAGAZINES & BOOKS

Nature East Africa

Volume 35 Issue 1, 2005 focusing on some of the conservation work of Nature Kenya is now out and is enclosed with this newsletter

World Birdwatch

Volume 27 Issue 2, 2005 is the magazine of the BirdLife Partnership (Nature Kenya is the BirdLife Partner in Kenya) and is available by a subscription @ 1,500/- per year

One Planet, Many People: Atlas of Our Changing Environment

a publication that provides visual evidence of environmental change using satellite images, graphics and text

For World Environment Day (on June 3, 2005) the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in cooperation with NASA, United States Geological Survey (USGS) and University of Maryland launched One Planet, Many People: Atlas of our Changing Environment.

The focus is on the status and trends over several decades, both in physical and human geography. The Atlas presents visual evidence of global environmental changes resulting from natural processes and human-induced activities. The Atlas demonstrates how our growing number of people and their consumption patterns are shrinking our natural resource base. The challenge is how do we satisfy human needs without compromising the health of ecosystems? One Planet, Many People is an additional wake-up call to this need.

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Up & about

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WEDNESDAY MORNING BIRDWALKS

Bird watching walks at sites in and around Nairobi. Meet at the National Museum car park every Wednesday at 8:45 a.m. Return about 12:30 p.m. *Those who ore not members can get temporary membership at Ksh 100 per birdwalk, payable on arrival at the car park.*

Lake Victoria Sunset Birders (Kisumu)

The Lake Victoria Sunset Birders are a Nature Kenya Site Support Group and organise bird walks at sites in and around Kisumu every Friday of the month. For further details call 057 42952 or 0734 994938 or email lakevictoriasunsetbirders@yahoo.co.uk

Mt Kenya Biodiversity Conservation Group (MKBCG)

The MKBCG is a Nature Kenya Site Support Group and organise bird walks to sites around Naro Moru every last Saturday of the month i.e. 27August 05.
For more information contact 0722 364904, 0733 937115 or 062 62071 Email: mt_kebio@yahoo.co.uk

TREE WALKS

Guided tree walks in the Arboretum on the second Saturday and last Monday, i.e.13 **& 29 August from 9:30 a.m.** Meet at the Arboretum gate. *Those who are not members of FONA or Nature Kenya pay Ksh 100/- fee on arrival at the gate.*

SUNDAY BIRDWATCH

Members meet at the National Museum, Nairobi car park at 9:00 a.m. the third Sunday of every month, **i.e. 21 August.** The members decide where to go. Bring lunch

BIRD RINGING

Meet at the Museums' Nairobi Botanic Garden, at 7:00 a.m. every Thursday.

Ngong Road Forest Walks (Nairobi)

Organised by the Ngong Road Forest Sanctuary Trust, nature walks are held on the first and third Saturdays of the month i.e. **6 & 20 August, at 9:00 a.m.** Meet at the stairs leading to the Restaurant at the Racecourse. Call Anthony Chalo to confirm on 575207 or 0733 712406.

ARABUKO-SOKOKE (COAST)

The Saturday birdwatch with the Arabuko Sokoke Forest Guides Association is on the first Saturday of each month i.e. **6 August, at 6:30 a.m.** from the Visitor Centre, Gede. Cost 100/- per person. KWS fees now apply (100/- Citizens, 500/- Residents)

FFJ Bird Walk (Coast)

Friends of Fort Jesus birdwalks are held the third Saturday of each month, i.e. **20 August.** Please call Marlene Reid on (041) 491 648 to confirm

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